

***State of Washington  
Department of Transportation  
Notice to Consultants  
Freight Efficiency & Competitiveness Phase I***

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) solicits interest from consultants who wish to be evaluated and considered to provide services to analyze Central Puget Sound manufacturing freight supply chains within Washington State. The approximate dollar value of the consultant agreement will be \$110,000. WSDOT may award one (1) agreement. The agreement will be for approximately ten (10) months in duration with the option for WSDOT to extend it an additional three (3) months.

**Project Description**

This research project will support development of a strategic investment plan for freight that emphasizes freight customer needs associated with inter-region and inter-state routes. The freight investment plan will be included in the Washington Transportation Plan. The Phase I analysis will determine private and public sector constraints within several Central Puget Sound manufacturing sector supply chains, lead to a broader understanding of how shippers organize their transport systems, identify potential partners to remove constraints, identify opportunities to lower costs and achieve on-time delivery throughout the supply chain(s) and gain competitive advantage. Research will proceed via shipper and carrier surveys, observation and interviews, to gain origin-destination information for both inbound and outbound movements, and cost and delay drivers in process steps throughout the chains.

**Evaluation Criteria**

Pursuant to state and federal regulations, a qualifications-based selection process will be used to select a consultant for this project. The following information and criteria will be used to evaluate and rank responses:

1. Qualifications/Expertise of Firm(s) on Team;
2. Qualifications of Proposed Project Manager;
3. Key Team Members Qualifications (Prime and Sub-Consultant);
4. Firm's Project Management System (Prime Consultant Only);
5. Project Delivery Approach;
6. References/past performances (Prime Consultant Only); and
7. Cost Factors (Prime Consultant Only.)

The link to the definitions and point value for each of the proposed criteria may be found on the first page of this advertisement web site.

WSDOT may conduct interviews during the selection process, but selection can be made based on information provided in the submittals without an interview phase.

NOTE: It is imperative that the consultant reviews the definitions of the scoring criteria. We have included requirements and/or limitations for the information that is being requested as well as a point value assigned to each criterion.

**Submittals**

Consultants are invited to submit their Statement of Qualifications at their own cost. WSDOT assumes no obligation of any kind for expenses incurred by any respondent to this solicitation. The submittal is limited to a total maximum number of twenty-five (25) sheets submitted only on single sided (single sided meaning one side only of a single sheet of paper) typed 8.5" x 11" paper (if charts and/or graphs are utilized text must be a readable size font), and with type size no smaller than 12 point.

Your Statement of Qualifications must be broken into two (2) separate packets. Your Statement of Qualifications "Packet A" must consist of:

- Your responses to scoring Criteria 1 through 5.

Your Statement of Qualifications "Packet B" must consist of the following information only:

- Your letter of transmittal;
- Your response to scoring criteria 6 and 7; and
- Your Submittal Information Packet forms for you as the prime and all of your proposed sub-consultants.

The page limitation does not apply to the front and back covers of "Packet A" and all of "Packet B."

The Statement of Qualifications shall meet the following requirements or will be deemed non-responsive and will not be eligible for consideration of this work:

- Title of the Request for Qualifications and your firm clearly identified on the cover of the submittal Packets "A" and "B", and the letter of transmittal;
- Statement of Qualifications broken into "Packet A" and "Packet B" as indicated above;
- Responsive to all evaluation criteria;
- Meeting page limitations and font size requirements; and
- Meeting submittal deadline submission date.

Materials submitted in response to this competitive procurement shall become the property of WSDOT and will not be returned. All submittals received will remain confidential until WSDOT and the successful Consultants sign the agreements resulting from this advertisement. All submittals are deemed public records as defined in the RCW 42.17.250 to 42.250.340.

Faxed or e-mailed submittals will not be accepted. Four (4) copies of your "Packet A" and one (1) copy of "Packet B", whether mailed or hand-delivered, must arrive at the following address no later than 5:00 pm on Tuesday, March 15, 2005:

Mr. Michael B. Rice  
Director, Consultant Services  
Washington State Department of Transportation  
Capital View II Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

724 Quince Street SE  
Olympia, WA 98504-7323

Note: Please be aware that if you mail your submittal utilizing the United States Postal Service (USPS), an additional two (2) working days will be added to the delivery time due to the fact that all State Agency mail must go through an internal Campus Mail system first before it reaches its final destination. Submittals mailed via USPS, including next day deliveries, must account for this added delivery time in order for the submittal to reach the Consultant Services office by the due date and time.

Any questions regarding the submittal process should be directed to the Consultant Services Office at 360-705-7147. All questions regarding the technical aspect of this request should be directed to Ms. Barbara Ivanov at 360-705-7931.

The department has an overall Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Goal. The DBE goal for participation will be obtained through a combination race-neutral/race-conscience means as outlined in WSDOT's "Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program Plan." The department encourages disadvantaged, minority, and women-owned consultant firms to respond.

Persons with disabilities may request this information be prepared and supplied in alternate formats by calling collect 206-389-2839. Persons with hearing impairments may call 1-800-833-6388 (Washington State Telecommunications Relay Service) and ask for 206-515-3683.

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